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The youngest firefighters

Boys and girls in Northamptonshire have taken part in firefighting drills aimed at reducing anti-social behaviour



Race row and me – by Anton

Strictly star Anton du Beke told fans in the county he was “ashamed and embarrassed” over the row involving Laila Rouass.



Fly-tipper tracked down

A council has caught a man who left behind a mess at his Northampton home before moving.



Drinks bill for county: £200m

THE effects of drink cost Northamptonshire more than £200 million every year in health, crime and missed work, alcohol experts have warned.

The staggering sum is revealed in a raft of statistics compiled to lay bare the impact of alcohol abuse in Northamptonshire to mark Alcohol Awareness Week.

The facts reveal that alcohol-related crime and road deaths in the county caused by drink are higher than the national average.

There are a total of 90,000 heavy drinkers in Northamptonshire, who cause themselves long-term harm with their habit.

And accident and emergency admissions due to alcohol are rising at the fastest rate in the East Midlands.

Terry Pearson, strategy manager for Northamptonshire's Drug and Alcohol Action Team (DAAT), yesterday slammed rock-bottom drink prices, the ease with which people can drink at home and the lack of public knowledge about alcohol.

He said: “It is about making people realise that when they drink they make themselves vulnerable.”

“Currently, the lowest price per unit of alcohol is about 17p. That means you can get your daily allowance of alcohol for under £1.”

Big upgrade for junction

A MAJOR scheme to improve one of the worst road junctions in the centre of Northampton has been approved by the West Northamptonshire Development Corporation.

The WNDC, which was set up by the Government to push forward the area's expansion, this week approved funding worth £2.3 million to improve the junction of Ransome Road and London Road in Far Cotton.

The development will see the junction next to the Netto supermarket widened and improved to help traffic get around it more easily.

WNDC's chief executive Peter Mawson said: “This part of Northampton has been neglected for too long.

“However, new development can now be seen in the area and these junction improvements will start the next phase of its revitalisation.”

Exact details of how the junction will be improved have not yet been revealed, but it is believed the development would widen some of the roads around the junction to make them three-lane.

The development is also designed to make Ransome Road easier for cars to get into and enable 400 new houses to be built in the area.

The move has been welcomed by



■ The London Road junction by Netto's and Ransome Road will have £2.3m spent on upgrades

Northamptonshire County Council's member for the area, Councillor Brendan Glynane (*Lib Dem, Delapre*) who said both the junction and the Ransome Road area were in urgent need of improvement.

He said: “I think it's good news. Because of that junction, traffic regularly backs up as far as Southbridge,

so hopefully this will both tackle that problem and reduce some of the pollution levels in the area.

“It would also be nice if it speeds up the redevelopment of Ransome Road, because I think everyone in the area would like to see that part of town improved.”

Housing plans for Ransome Road

have been on the cards since at least 2003.

The WNDC has said it hopes the latest project will also help with its plans to open up the riverside through the town centre.

The junction scheme is to go ahead despite the threat to WNDC's future budget.

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Work starts on fountain



■ An artist's impression of the new fountain on Northampton Market Square

TWO trees on the edge of Northampton's Market Square will be chopped down in the next couple of weeks to make way for a new fountain.

The two ash trees will make way for a seven-jet fountain and seating area, which will be built at the Abington Street entrance to the square.

A further two maple trees will be left in place.

Northampton Borough Council's

cabinet member for regeneration, Councillor Richard Church (*Lib Dem, Kingsthorpe*), said: "The Abington Street entrance is the primary gateway into the square and this feature will really invite people into the space for events and to buy from the wide range of traders we have on the market."

"A fountain will bring more character to the south-east corner of the square and I'm sure residents and visitors alike will take the time to sit nearby and take in the atmosphere of our wonderful historic

Market Square.

"The two healthy large maple trees are being retained and will flourish much better without being crowded by the ash trees."

The Continental Café which currently sits at the entrance to the square was also due to be moved on to the main square over the course of the weekend.

The setting for the new fountain, which received planning permission earlier this month, will be a circular granite area with light focused on the jets of water.

Man married an imposter

A POLITICAL refugee from Zimbabwe who fled to the UK using another woman's identity got married under the false name to an unsuspecting husband.

Winnie Ngerume, aged 38, secured a birth certificate and passport of a Mona Lisa Ngerume and after arriving in the UK eight years ago.

Granted asylum to remain here in the false name, she married in 2003.

William Falshaw, prosecuting, said Ngerume was arrested in Northampton because the real Mona Lisa Ngerume in Zimbabwe discovered her identity had been stolen.

She worked for the Zimbabwean air force

and was unable to travel abroad for training because a passport had been issued in her name and someone claiming to be her was living in the UK.

The court heard she was then arrested, questioned and detained by Zimbabwean CID.

Mr Falshaw said it was only when she made a statement at the

British Consulate in Harare and contacted Interpol that Winnie Ngerume was finally arrested in Northampton on September 30.

Paul Tweddle, defending, said Ngerume fled Zimbabwe in 2001 after opposing Robert Mugabe's regime.

Ngerume was jailed for 15 months and faces deportation on release.

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Parents fight on

CHILDREN denied a place at an over-subscribed secondary school are now being taught by their parents in a community centre.

Parents of six youngsters, all aged 11, say they are prepared to go to court to secure their children places at Caroline Chisholm School.

All six were rejected for their first choice in March, and since then principal Tony Downing has said the school could cope with the intake.

Two of the children have siblings already attending the school, judged "outstanding" by Ofsted, and all six families have lived within the catchment area for at least a decade, sending their children to the feeder primary.

The parents discovered that four families had children accepted to Caroline Chisholm – after renting

properties in the catchment area during the admissions' process, and then moving elsewhere.

One mother, Dalbir Shoker, said: "We don't want to send our children to Caroline Chisholm just because it is a great school and is popular. It's because it is our local community school, where all our children's friends go, who they have grown up with.

"They simply don't understand why they cannot go to school like everyone else.

"The situation clearly isn't ideal and we don't want to be teaching them ourselves because we know they need the structure and benefits of a proper education."

Another, Nisha Gadhia, said the fight to get places at Caroline Chisholm had disrupted the lives of the group, and added: "They say every child matters, but clearly ours don't.

"This is all we have been able to focus on for the past seven months and this week we have had to tell them they won't be going to school like everyone else – after our appeal failed."

The parents are having to pay for support workers to come in to help with their children's curriculum, and Northamptonshire County Council has said it will not pay for them to rent space at Wootton Community Centre.

Ceri Matthews, whose son Jack was turned away from the school, said: "We feel like we have been socially excluded from the school.

"We are in a credit crunch and are having to spend to give our kids an education."

Five of the youngsters were given places at Roade School, which would have resulted in a £400-a-year bill for transport, as they live outside the catchment area.

School would take the six

THE principal of Caroline Chisholm School has reiterated his statement that the school would welcome the children into Year 7 should they be given places.

Tony Downing expressed regret that a solution is still to be found and appealed to the county council to try to find a way forward.

He said the authority had worked hard to address problems with the admissions process by changing the criteria this summer, but added: "I am sorry that no way forward has yet been found for the children currently being educated at Wootton Community Centre.

"Our position here at school has always been that we will be very happy to welcome the children into Year 7 if they are given places.

"I hope the county council, having taken action to improve the fairness of the criteria, will

now be able to resolve the situation for these six children.

"I understand that the rules governing school admissions are very tight. We should be working together to resolve matters in the children's best interests."

A spokesman for Northamptonshire County Council said far more applications for places at Caroline Chisholm were submitted to the authority this year than there were places available.

He added: "Unfortunately, this means that not all the children who applied for a secondary school place at Caroline Chisholm School have been allocated one. It has also meant that not all children who live in the linked area and who have attended feeder primary schools have been allocated a place.

"There are currently 37 children on the waiting list for a place in Year 7 at Caroline



■ Josh Gilmour, 11, gets on with his work in the community centre Chisholm and of those 37 there are 12 children that live in the linked area.

"A place at an alternative school has been offered to all 37 pupils."

Support for the families

SUPPORT for the parents has been guaranteed by both Conservative MP for Northampton South, Brian Binley, and Wootton and Hunsbury Parish Council.

The council, which runs the community centre where the children are now being taught, said it would be willing to cover the cost of renting the space – to allow the children to continue some form of education.

Chairman Jonathan Nunn said: "We are com-

pletely supportive of the parents. There has been a total lack of clarity from the LEA and even now, seven months on, the situation isn't any clearer.

"We do want to reiterate that our support will continue."

MP Brian Binley has commended the parents for their continued battle against the authorities, which has included protests outside the school gates and a petition signed by hundreds of supporters.

He said: "The school has said it has space for these children under a managed transfer.

"And yet the appeals panel has turned down their case, purely because of bureaucracy. This is an example of the Government and Northamptonshire County Council taking the needs of the bureaucrats above the needs of the people they are meant to be serving.

"I really would like to see much more morality from those who make

these decisions."

A final appeal has been turned down by the appeals panel and now the parents say their only options are home-schooling, sending the children to their allocated schools, or risking prosecution for allowing their children to be truant.

They have appealed for any teachers or school staff, who would be willing to help them, to telephone Wootton Parish Council offices on Northampton 705055.



■ School work in the community centre – including Jasmine Shoker, 11, Ashley Frost, 11, Josh Gilmour, 11, Daniel Chesterman, 11, and Ami Gadhia, 11

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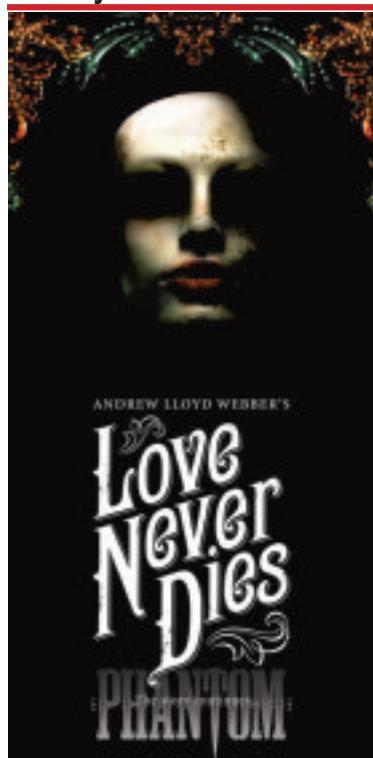
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Miracle mum in fight for bridge

TWENTY-TWO years after her own horrific experience on a Northampton road a mum has added to the chorus of voices calling for safety measures on it.

Gemma Whitlock, 30, was left in a coma and fighting for her life after her pelvis was shattered and her limbs broken in a collision with a car while crossing the A45 in Northampton in 1987.

She only survived because she was revived at the roadside by an ambulance crew.

Two decades on, Gemma says she was "mortified" when she heard 13-year-old Sophie Bywaters had been killed while crossing at exactly the same spot last week.

Sophie, a pupil at Abbeyfield School, died on October 13 when she was hit by a van while crossing the dual carriageway, near Wootton. Last year, plans to build a £1.7m bridge over the road were scrapped.

Mrs Whitlock, who still has to take painkillers every day and walks with a limp, said: "I think, out of respect for the people who have been hit and who have been killed, they should build the bridge. It is about time they listened to a casualty that lived."

Gemma, of Lambrook Drive, East Hunsbury lives with her husband, Michael, and three-year-old son Jack just a stone's throw from Sophie's family.

Gemma's mother, Gill said: "I just wouldn't want anyone else to go through it. We live with it every day and the loss of this little girl's life last week is just tragic."

Gemma has written to Northampton South MP, Brian Binley, urging him to support calls for a bridge and she plans to start a petition to get one.

She added: "I just want them to see sense. There have been enough lives lost and enough injuries."

She is also willing to visit schools to pass on safety advice.



■ Gemma Whitlock, 22 years after she survived being critically injured after being knocked down on the A45

£1 million county play area bonanza

THE Racecourse is one of up to 22 sites where new play areas are set to be built in Northamptonshire after the county council received £1.1 million from the government's Playbuilder project.

The Friends of Northampton Racecourse (FoNR) successfully bid for the money from the Play-

builder fund, which aims to change the way that play spaces are commissioned, designed and developed.

Three companies have been commissioned to draw up plans for the new equipment, which include zip wires, climbing frames and swings.

The public will be able to see

these designs at a display tonight at The Lime Trees Hotel in Barrack Road, between 7.30pm and 9.30pm, and tomorrow at The Picturedrome, Kettering Road, between 4pm and 7.45pm.

Users of The Racecourse and local residents are encouraged to attend and get involved in choosing the preferred designs.

Chairman of FoNR Giles Willson said: "We have three short-listed proposals that will be shown at the public exhibitions. The equipment will not just be a normal swing but will be adventurous equipment aimed at older children."

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County revels in F1 success



■ Driver Jenson Button celebrates after winning the world F1 title

A MASS celebration may be held to mark the success of the county's Brawn Formula 1 team.

Jenson Button secured the world championship for the Brackley-based team in Brazil at the weekend.

To mark the team's victory, as well as that of Brawn's engine makers, Brackley-based Mercedes, the leader of Northamptonshire County Council, Councillor Jim Harker (*Con, Kettering Rural*), is planning to hold a countywide celebration later in the year.

He said: "It's a great achievement for Brawn and for Mercedes. And I'm really pleased for Brawn because they have been such good ambassadors for Northamptonshire."

"They've made sure the name of the county and the engineering expertise that's here has been heard and celebrated all over the world."

"They've always mentioned the Northamptonshire name and their staff in Brackley whenever they've had the chance."

Following Button's success on Sunday, when the Brawn team also secured the constructors' championship, Councillor Harker wrote to the team to offer his personal congratulations and suggest a homecoming celebration could be held later in the year.

He said: "I hope the whole county will be able to celebrate what Brawn has achieved."

"We've not sorted out the details yet but I hope the whole of Northamptonshire will be able to get involved."

Following his team's success, Brawn boss Ross Brawn thanked his staff in Brackley and those who the team had to make redundant following the withdrawal of Honda from F1 in December.

Yesterday, he added his thanks to the Mercedes team in Brackley, stating: "We would like to take this opportunity to say our thanks to Mercedes-Benz who have been a fantastic partner. I hope that everyone at our factory in Brackley and at Mercedes in Brixworth is very proud of what we've achieved."



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■ A woman receives her seasonal flu jab

Hospital staff take up flu jabs

NURSES and doctors at Northampton General Hospital have been leading by example by getting seasonal flu jabs.

This year's round of vaccinations for staff got under way this week to help keep them healthy for work this winter and stop them infecting patients.

The hospital occupational health team is running drop-in sessions, and is also going out to wards and other departments to vaccinate staff.

A spokesman said: "Our executive team and senior doctors were among the first to be vaccinated, and we have also briefed our staff about some of the myths that tend to be spread about the vaccina-

tion. For instance, one popular myth is that the flu vaccine causes flu, whereas the vaccine does not contain live virus and cannot cause flu.

"We are encouraging as many staff as possible to be vaccinated against seasonal flu this year."

National media reports have suggested large numbers of NHS staff are refusing

the jabs, but the hospital said uptake among its staff, so far, was higher than expected.

The spokesman said: "The number of staff being vaccinated in the first week of our campaign was significantly higher than in the first week last year, so the signs are encouraging that the overall take-up rate will be greater than last year."

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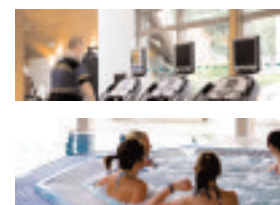
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Police in review of actions

THE way complaints about anti-social behaviour are dealt with by Northamptonshire Police is being "completely picked apart" – as part of an attempt to improve confidence among victims of crime.

A review is being conducted into the way initial reports are dealt with by the force's communication centre, and how well repeat complaints about yobs are connected and followed up.

At a meeting of Northamptonshire Police Authority's engagement committee Assistant Chief Constable Derek Talbot said the changes were part of the wider drive to increase confidence following the introduction of a new Home Office target.

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Two quit party

TWO members of the ruling Liberal Democrat Party have resigned in the latest twist in the ongoing "Astragate" saga.

Councillors Malcolm Mildren and Jean Hawkins announced this week they had quit the party and would now serve as independent members on Northampton Borough Council.

Their decisions came after the yet-to-be-appointed leader of the authority, Councillor

Brian Hoare (*Lib Dem, Abington*) announced he would keep former leader Tony Woods (*Lib Dem, St Davids*) in the authority's ruling cabinet, despite the recent controversy.

Councillor Mildren (*Ind, Parklands*) said he could not live with the decision, following the embarrassment caused to the party by the affair, which revolved around Councillor Woods' decision to leave his un-taxed Astra in the Guildhall's town centre car park for more than three months

despite numerous requests to move it.

He said: "This whole thing has become much bigger than the car."

"To me, it's all about the way he dealt with the issue and the fact he allowed a molehill to become a mountain."

"It was symbolic of a leader who was not aware of what people were thinking."

Following the fallout of Astragate, Councillor Woods decided to resign as leader, but delayed his exit, a fact which has

been criticised by his detractors.

Councillor Mildren said: "When he resigned, he should have left immediately – rather than stay on as leader."

"And now we know he's going to be propelled immediately back into the cabinet, probably doing pretty much what he was before."

Following Councillor Woods' decision to resign, Councillor Hoare was chosen as the new leader of the Liberal Democrat group during a party

meeting last week.

Despite the criticism of his decision to keep Councillor Woods in his cabinet, he wished both defecting councillors well, adding: "I'm very sorry to lose Malcolm and Jean."

"Both have been supportive of the changes we've made to Northampton. We wish them well."

Councillor Woods said: "I am very sad that Malcolm and Jean have decided to leave our group. They have both been valued members of the team."



■ Former Liberal Democrat Councillor Malcolm Mildren, with fellow independent Councillor Tony Clarke

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Up to 20 thugs clashed

outside the Sixfields Tavern pub at about 3.10pm on Saturday.

Dozens of police officers prevented the violence spreading to inside the pub, where a number of families were sitting.

A handful of Lincoln City supporters marched

up to the pub and were heard shouting "Come On Then" to a group of youths believed to be linked to a well-known hooligan gang in Northampton.

Glasses, chairs and bottles were then thrown as the rival gangs caused

chaos outside the pub.

Pub manager Jessica Howard said: "One of our bouncers had a near miss with a glass which luckily smashed into a door frame and not his head. There seemed to be about five Lincoln lads who started on some local lads

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A spokesman for Northampton Town said: "The very fact this incident happened at 3.10pm speaks volumes.

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Sally Keeble, MP for Northampton North, was invited to visit Lava &

Ignite, in St Peter's Way, Northampton, on Saturday to hear the club's concerns about competition between pubs and clubs in the town, which bosses say has forced them to reduce prices to survive.

Mrs Keeble has been at the forefront of Parliamentary concerns over the problems caused by binge drinking, especially

among young people.

She said: "Price and availability are two of the factors that encourage binge drinking. The night-time economy is important to Northampton but it's also important it is well-managed. The pricing of alcohol has got to the point where it's contributing to problems in the town."

Mrs Keeble and Peter Turpin, operations director for Luminar Leisure, which owns the club, looked at examples of alcohol advertising from pubs and clubs in the town and discussed a range of potential options including the introduction of a minimum price for alcohol and banning some promotions.

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College spokesman Jan Matthews said: "The hatchlings

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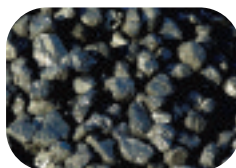
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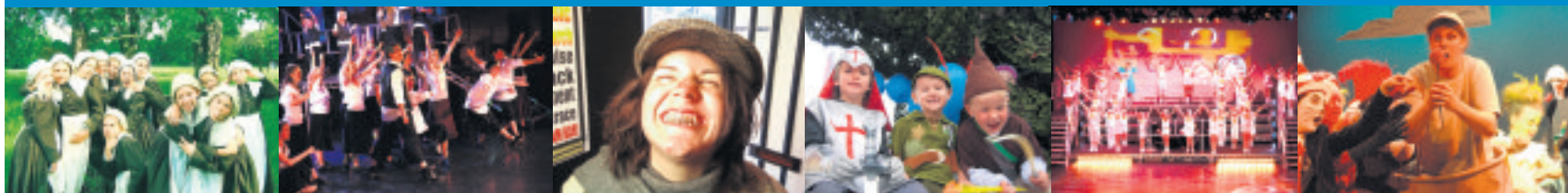
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The School teaches the full National Curriculum, with the exception of a modern foreign language. Class sizes are kept to around eight or nine students and in addition to the subject teachers there is a strong team of learning support assistants to ensure each child gets the help and support they need. We employ an experienced Speech and Language Therapist who works closely with staff to provide programmes for individual students, in addition to liaising with Local Authority Speech and Language Therapists as required. We also have an Education Psychologist and a part time Occupational Therapist, specialising in sensory difficulties.

For boarders, the accommodation is organised so that they live in small groups of five or six in self contained hostels, with them all enjoying the benefit of their own care staff and sharing in the day to day living arrangements, as one would in a family.

In the report of the last welfare inspection in February this year, the inspectors commented that the school's ethos and underpinning philosophy is strong throughout, ensuring pupils live in a supportive and caring community within which boarders feel valued and safe. Boarders develop close relationships with each other and with staff. Boarders are happy to be living at the school.

From year ten, pupils follow an accredited life skills programme, helping to prepare them for their future. In year eleven, some students are able to take part in work based training and all year 10 and year 11 students undertake two week-long periods of work experience.

We have provision for students in years 12 and 13 in The Stables Further Education Centre. Education and Residential support managers enable students to follow programmes of education and training according to their individual needs, using our own resources and those of local colleges, amenities and workplace training providers.

The atmosphere at Potterspury Lodge is relaxed and homely, and visitors often comment on and appreciate the calming influence of the well cared for environment.

The school applauds and supports the initiative to promote the provision of wholesome food to schoolchildren. From the time Potterspury Lodge School opened, we have always encouraged the notion of healthy eating and we insist on quality, and where available additive-free products, from our suppliers. All of our meals are prepared by our Head Chef, in our fully fitted professional kitchen, using fresh ingredients wherever possible. Much of the fruit and most of the vegetables we use are grown in our own garden without the use of



chemicals and we have been buying organic beef for many years.

The school enables children to develop and grow in a caring and supportive atmosphere, and gives them the perfect opportunity to socialise and enjoy life. We organise regular trips for the students, including an annual skiing holiday in Italy and outdoor pursuits expeditions in the UK and France. Next year a group of students will visit the First World War Battlefield sites in France and Belgium. This is not to say that the school does not have ample facilities of our own - the grounds are wonderful for sports and outdoor games, particularly when the weather is nice. The children are also encouraged to join in the wide number of evening clubs, which include such diverse activities as Badminton, Pottery, Football, Computers, Practical Skills and Technology. Extensive use is made of local leisure and recreational facilities, some students attend an Army Cadet corps and we have recently started our own Potterspury Lodge Scout Troop. Potterspury Lodge prides itself on its commitment and dedication to pupils with special needs, aiming to provide them with a wide range of opportunities to experience success. We aim to help them progress towards being better integrated into society and ultimately to go on to meet the demands of independent adult life.

The following is the evaluation of the main findings of last Ofsted education inspection in February 2009:

Potterspury Lodge School provides a good standard of education. The overall quality of boarding is satisfactory. Pupils enjoy school and boarders say that they are very happy here. Teaching and the curriculum are good and enable pupils to make good progress in their personal development, basic skills and academic achievement. Work on developing pupils' communication and social skills is particularly effective because pupils are given many opportunities to use these skills in lessons and in outdoor pursuits. The quality of care is good. The recommendations of the previous inspection have been addressed well and the individual education and care plans are now good. The great majority of parents and carers hold the school's work in high regard and one older student said, 'The school must be good if they managed to keep me here for five years and prepare me for college so well.' The school meets its aims well.

On Saturday 7 November we have an Open Morning for parents of prospective new students. Please call us to arrange an appointment.

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- A warm and friendly atmosphere to enable every child to feel relaxed
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OPEN MORNING NOVEMBER 7TH*

*By appointment only for parents or carers of potential pupils
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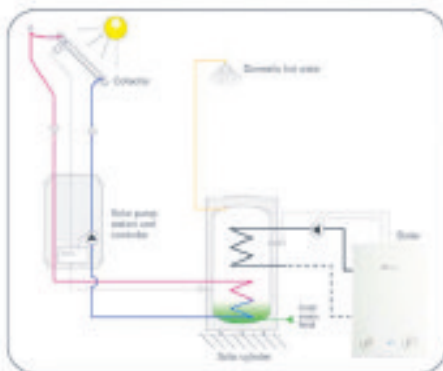


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Local company Homesure have just become the first local installers to be official Pilkington energiKare Window Partners. John Connolly (pictured) Managing Director of Homesure said "Last year I visited all the trade shows and listened closely to the things that my customers were asking for and realised that it was vital we pioneered the new energy efficient windows available from the manufacturers. In January of this year we took the lead and made energy rated windows available across our range of products. The results have been astonishing and I am pleased to say we are now breaking sales records for replacement windows and doors. I am very proud of the ways in which Homesure have led the local industry with driving prices down and giving customers the fairest deal.

Homesure are no strangers to being pioneers in the home improvement market. Having been the first local company to openly display their prices in newspaper advertisements, they have now launched an easy to use website where customers can get an instant online quote. Visit www.onlinewindowquotes.co.uk

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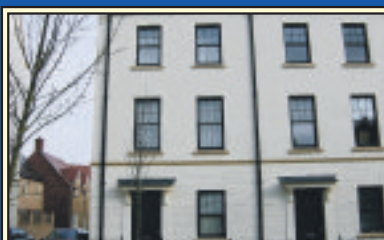
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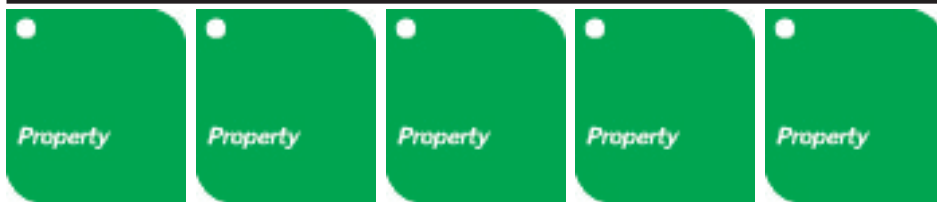
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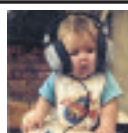
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 goodbye because you
 always by our side.

Rest In Peace Son
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In Memoriam

NELLIGAN

Liam

21st October 2007.
 Beloved Son.
 Left me too soon,
 Always in my thoughts.
 Forever in my heart.
 Good night, God bless.
 Love Mum

x x x



NELLIGAN

Liam

21st October 2007.

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 Mum
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 each single day,
 and take comfort in
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9-5 steers Saab's future back onto E-as-y Street

SAAB'S latest 9-5 aims to propel it back into the executive car main stream.

The 9-5 is a thorough update on familiar Saab themes. The turbo-charged engines and aeronautical styling devices are present and correct but so are a variety of interesting technological features.

Saab will be looking to set the car up as a more individualist alternative to the German executive car options.

Saab is a company with a proud and vibrant history, but it may have taken its fondness for the past a little too far with the 12-year production run of the original 9-5.

For a good few years before news of this replacement model broke, the old timer was feeling elderly in the extreme and well off the pace set by rivals in the executive car segment. In light of this, it's hard to see a way in which the latest 9-5 could be anything but a huge step forward from its predecessor, but will its stride be long enough to close the gap to the competition?

The 9-5's inordinate stay of execution was at least partly due to a lack of investment in the Saab brand by its then owners, General Motors. Developing an executive saloon to rival the likes of BMW's 5-Series and the Mercedes-Benz E-

Class is a major financial undertaking and GM appeared to dither over committing to it.

The green light was finally given, however, and this 9-5 is the result.

It's a car designed to embrace modern technology while remaining firmly in touch with the brand's heritage. Crucially, it displays that most Saab-like of qualities – the will to do things a little bit differently.

There aren't many surprises brewing in the 9-5 engine range, at least not for those with a passing knowledge of Saab's form. Every unit is turbocharged, the more powerful ones have a lively turn of speed and all have been seen before in the UK powering Saab and/or Vauxhall products. More interesting is the 9-5's method for making the most of its power.

The car comes in either front-wheel-drive guise, or with Saab's acclaimed XWD all-wheel-drive system but there's also three different suspension arrangements and Saab's DriveSense adaptive damping control system to consider.

The entry-level 180bhp 1.6-litre turbo petrol engine and the 160bhp 2.0-litre common-rail diesel have MacPherson strut front suspension and a multi-link arrangement at the rear. Where things break with

Saab 9-5



convention is in the 220bhp 2.0T petrol and the variants fitted with XWD. These have an innovative Linked H-arm rear suspension which is said to enhance ride comfort, refinement and road holding.

At the top of the range, the 300bhp V6 2.8-litre turbo models match this Linked H-arm rear

suspension with a HiPer Strut system at the front which reduces weight while improving feel.

It's never difficult to spot a Saab and the people behind the looks of the latest 9-5 had no intention of breaking with the marque's established design language. Many of the old Saab trademarks that evolved from its aircraft

By Steve Walker

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manufacturing heritage are still present inside and out.

A replacement for the original 9-5 saloon may have been a long time coming but was it worth the wait?

Saab has stuck with its traditional design language for the latest 9-5, while attempting to integrate a more modern feel and it looks to have been successful.

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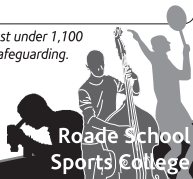
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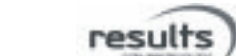
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Closing date: 27 October 2009

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Principal: Peter Hullah

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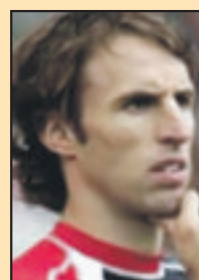
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Manchester United boss Alex Ferguson has been hit with an 'improper conduct' charge after questioning the fitness of referee Alan Wiley



Bad week for Benitez

Liverpool boss Rafa Benitez is under pressure following the Reds' 2-1 Champions League defeat to Lyon, their fourth defeat in a row



Southgate is sacked

Middlesbrough sacked manager Gareth Southgate – after a 2-0 home win over Derby which left Boro fourth in the Championship

Sammo: Town are on the up

COBBLERS manager Ian Sampson feels he is getting the job done slowly but surely at Sixfields after his team made it five unbeaten games in a row on Saturday.

Steve Guinan's fifth goal of the season was enough to down Lincoln City 1-0 in what was a pretty dull game.

Town are still down in the depths of 17th in the Coca-Cola League Two, but they are only six points off the play-off zone at this formative stage.

Sampson has been told by the board to deliver promotion or risk his spell as manager ending in the summer.

Such a mission seems a long way off being completed at the moment, but the man in charge is confident the team is heading in the right direction, albeit slowly.

"Confidence is starting to come back and it always comes with good results," he said.

"It's still early days in my time as manager but I'm trying to get the team to do some of the things that I did as a player.

"There's still a lot of work to do but we're making slow progress at the moment."

Saturday's game was a drab contest with neither team making much of an impression on the other.

Lincoln were less than pleased with the performance of referee Steve Cook, who booked six of their players and none from the Cobblers.

Sampson feels the reason the game was not a fluid one was because of the tactics employed by the visitors.

"It's never easy when a team plays four big lads at the back, five in midfield and then a big lad up front," said Sampson.

"We do need to move the ball a bit quicker than we do at times and we did that a bit better in the second half."

Local strike sensation Courtney Herbert missed the game with a back injury.

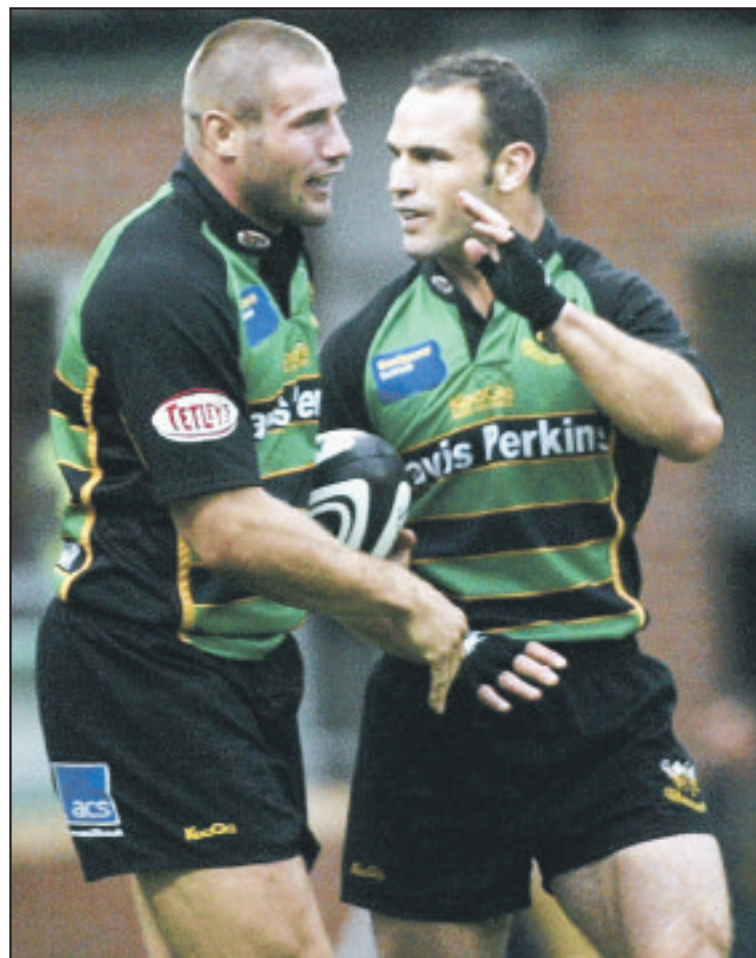
The 20-year-old former Long Buckby striker has a problem with a nerve in his back which the club did not want to risk further damaging.

It is expected that he will be fit for Saturday's trip to Morecambe, who are below the Cobblers in the league one table.

Morecambe are unbeaten at home, although they have drawn five of their six games to date, winning just one – against big-spending Notts County.

The trip is the first of two to the seaside in the space of eight days as they also go to Torquay next weekend.

Kruger facing up to a citing nightmare



■ **HAPPY DAYS** – Ben Cohen (left) celebrates scoring a try for Saints. The former Franklin's Gardens favourite returns to his old stomping ground this Saturday when he plays for Sale against Saints in the Guinness Premiership

SAINTS have suspended Juandre Kruger for a week in the wake of his citing for a stamp during the Heineken Cup defeat at Perpignan.

The club held its own internal disciplinary hearing on Monday and decided to suspend Kruger over the alleged stamp on scrum-half Nicolas Durand and will be hoping that is taken into account when his punishment, if any, is decided.

It means the South African second rower is unavailable for the Guinness Premiership clash against Sale at Franklin's Gardens on Saturday.

Kruger will find out his full fate at an independent disciplinary hearing in Dublin tomorrow, which will be chaired by Scotsman Rod McKenzie.

Stright after that hearing, team-mate Brian Mujati will also find out if he will receive a suspension after being cited for pushing referee Nigel Owens in the 29-13 defeat at the Stade Aime Giral.

Mujati was spoken to at the time by Owens, who gave him a stern lecture, and going on past cases he could receive a lengthy ban.

Mujati, who has 12 caps for the Springboks and joined Northampton in the off-season from the Stormers, could, under IRB regulations, face a minimum 24-week suspension if he is found guilty, with a life ban

the maximum punishment available for the disciplinary committee.

Neil Back received a six-month ban for shoving referee Steve Lander in 1996, while Springbok full-back Percy Montgomery was banned for two years, 18 months of which were suspended, for pushing a touch judge to the ground while playing for Newport at Swansea in 2003.

It would be a big blow to lose Mujati through suspension with Euan Murray not expected to be fit until December.

That would leave just Santiago Bonorino as the only senior specialist tighthead available, and the Argentine has also been playing with a back problem.

Mallinder could turn to youngsters Alex Waller and Jon Vickers, or Soane Tonga'uhiha could swap sides for Regardt Dreyer to come in at loosehead.

Mujati scored his first try for the club in Perpignan and put in his best display for the club.

Saints will be aiming to put their European troubles behind them as they take on Sale at the Gardens on Saturday (ko 3pm).

Former Gardens favourite and World Cup winner Ben Cohen should make his first appearance back in his hometown since he left two years ago. The former Old Scouts player joined Sale in the summer after playing for two years with Brive in France.

